



Book on Tlingit Battle Wins National Award

University of Alaska Southeast faculty and authors Richard and Nora Dauenhauer were in Berkeley, California recently to accept an American Book Award. They were honored at a ceremony, reception and book reading with fellow award winners at Anna's Jazz Island.

The event was hosted by California Poet Laureate Al Young and attended by legendary musician Taj Majal.

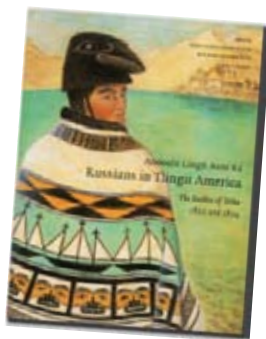
Anóoshi Lingít Aaní Ká: Russians in Tlingit America, The Battles of Sitka 1802 and 1804, by the Dauenhauers and the late Lydia Black of Fairbanks was one of 14 winners of the Before Columbus Foundation's 28th annual awards held on December 28, 2008.

"The American Book Award was created to recognize the multi-ethnic diversity of American literature (Native American, Asian-American, Afro-American, Latino, and many Euro-American immigrant communities) and to encourage the small and academic presses that take the risk to publish these writers who are typically ignored in American mass-market publishing," said Richard Dauenhauer.

The fourth volume in the award-winning series "Classics of Tlingit Oral Literature," describes the historic battles between the Russians and Tlingits in the early 19th century. The volume includes never-before published National Park Service recordings - made in the 1950s by Kiks.ádi elder Sally Hopkins and Kaagwaantaan elder Alex Andrews.



Nora and Richard Dauenhauer at a UAS Alumni and Friends Seattle Mariners Game, July 2008



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Despite challenges, the Dauenhauers were able to compare the recordings to Russian eyewitness accounts, which were translated into English by Black, a scholar and anthropologist who worked on the book until her death in 2007.

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"We are very honored to receive this recognition for our work, and we thank those who supported us. The book started 20 years ago when we were at Sealaska Heritage Foundation, it was completed as part of the research component of my President's Professorship at UAS," added Richard Dauenhauer.

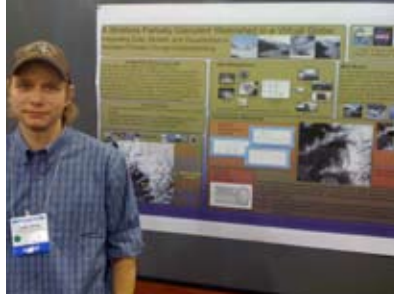
This is not the first time the Before Columbus Foundation has recognized the Dauenhauers. In 1990 their second volume in the "Classics of Tlingit Oral Literature" series won an American Book Award.

In 2007, UAS colleague and faculty Ernestine Hayes earned the honor for her memoir, *Blonde Indian*.

Anóoshi Lingít Aaní Ká: Russians in Tlingit America, The Battles of Sitka 1802 and 1804, is co-published by the Sealaska Heritage Institute and the University of Washington Press. The couple is working on volume five of the series, a transcription and translation of Tlingit Raven stories.

UAS ENVS Faculty and Undergraduates at AGU

UAS Environmental Science faculty and students were part of nearly a dozen presentations at the American Geophysical Union meeting December 15-19, 2008 in San Francisco. Physics professor Matt Heavner presented an interactive "meltmodel" and virtual tour of watersheds and glaciers in the SEAMONSTER* sensor web project. Heavner started attending the conference as an undergraduate, and has not missed the yearly event since 1993. The 2008 gathering at Moscone Center drew more than 16,000 scientists and academics from around the world.



*UAS Environmental Science senior
Josh Jones*

"It's overwhelming, there is so much going on, people researching similar information, but going about it in different ways," said first time participant and UAS ENVS senior Josh Jones. "It's been both humbling and mind blowing."

Jones presented his poster on using a computer model to calculate the melt from Lemon Creek Glacier to compare with measured runoff in Lemon Creek. "A Partially Glaciated Watershed in a Virtual Globe: Integrating Data, Models, and Visualization to Increase Climate Change Understanding" documented the use of the SEAMONSTER sensor web data as an input into Regine Hock's glacial melt model, and provided visualized model output (as maps or graphs) in a format that can be used in Google earth. The output can be used to study glacial hydrology and dynamics relative to climate conditions, to study mathematical modeling of the environment, or generalize how climate change is affecting parts of the Juneau Icefield over the period that data is available.

UAS undergraduates Nick Korzen and Josh Galbraith also presented at the conference. Jones notes that UAS is the only university in the U.S. that is within several glacial watersheds. "If you want to do undergraduate environmental science research, UAS is the perfect place," he said.

**(The South East Alaska Monitoring Network for Science, Telecommunications, Education, and Research is a NASA-sponsored smart sensor web project designed to support collaborative environmental science with near-real-time recovery of environmental data. Initial geographic focus is the Lemon Creek watershed near Juneau Alaska with expansions planned across the Juneau Icefield and into the nearby coastal marine environment).*

<http://robfatland.net/seamonster>

John Radzilowski, Ph.D. Receives Research Award

University of Alaska Southeast Ketchikan Assistant Professor of History, John Radzilowski, Ph.D., has been chosen as the 2008 recipient of the prestigious Mieczyslaw Haiman Award by the Polish American Historical Association (PAHA). The annual award recognizes an American scholar who has made sustained contributions to the study of Polish immigrants and their descendants in the United States.

"I was surprised and honored to receive the Haiman Award," said Radzilowski. "Those who have received the award in the past are colleagues and mentors whose work has inspired and taught

me much. The fact that I received this award is a tribute to those whose dedicated scholarship and teaching laid the groundwork for research on the experiences of Polish and other east European Americans. I am grateful to those in whose footsteps I follow."

Dr. Radzilowski is the author of several books and numerous articles on the history of immigrants from Poland and many other countries, as well as the history of Eastern Europe. His publications reflect his research on the immigrant experience from family life, demography, crime, work, community organizations, participation in the labor movement, to the importance of religious faith. He is currently serving as the general editor for the second edition of the *Encyclopedia of American Immigration* (due to be published in 2010).



John Radzilowski

Be the Change

by Ernestine Hayes

The UAS campus grassroots cultural infusion action group hosted a spring convocation session attended by 80 staff, faculty, and administrators on Wednesday, January 7, 2009. Longtime education faculty Mary-Claire Tarlow presented a talk on steps that can be taken to recognize and combat institutional privilege at UAS. Twenty copies of the illuminating book, *Privilege, Power, and Difference* were provided by Provost James Everett to be given to audience members.

The Cultural Infusion Action Group is a grass roots organization comprised of university and community members concerned about promoting institutional equity at UAS and in the greater community. Their immediate goal is to work toward compliance with the university's strategic plan to be the premier Alaska Native post-secondary educational institution in Alaska.

The cultural infusion group plans to continue meetings throughout the spring semester, and their hope is to present similar seminar opportunities at fall convocation. The group extends a special invitation to staff, faculty, and administrators to join them for spring meetings. Some meetings are book discussions, some are modeled on Difficult Dialogues, and some are brainstorming/updating sessions. The team is focusing on four basic goals:

- A curriculum that reflects the land and its people
- An increase in Native faculty, staff, and administrators
- A physical environment that reflects cultural balance
- An increase in recruitment, retention and success of Native students

Sitka Campus: CNA Graduates

Pictured are, from left, Charlotte Clyne, Heather Freeman, Maria Howard, Rebecca Feerio, Sheryl Lantz, Tehsa Grutter, Erica Parker.



The Certified Nurse Aide Program Fall 2008 Cohort graduated on December 13, 2008. The pinning ceremony was held at the Channel Club in Sitka with family, friends and faculty in attendance. Erica Parker was awarded the Academic Excellence Award and Sheryl Lantz was awarded the Student Excellence Award.